

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-13, 25-36, and 48-50 remain pending in this application, with Claims 1, 13, and 25 being independent. Claims 37-42, 44-47, and 53-57 have now been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-13, 25-36, and 48-50 have been allowed. Since all pending claims are allowed, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are requested.

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